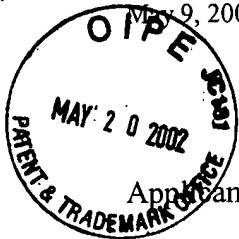


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Applicants:

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Application No.:

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Group:

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Filed:

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For:

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement for filing in the above-identified application.

[X] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(COL. 1)	(COL. 2)	(COL. 3)	(COL. 4)	(COL. 5)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	133	MINUS	* 133	0
INDEP	103	MINUS	** 103	0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

* not fewer than 20

** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$9	\$
X \$42	\$
+ \$140	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$18	\$
X \$84	\$
+ \$280	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for the following fees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Petition for [] month Extension of Time	\$	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment Fee	\$	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Fees:		
	_____	\$	_____
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A check is enclosed in payment of the following fees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Petition for three month Extension of Time	\$	<u>460</u>
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	TOTAL:	\$	<u>460</u>

☒ A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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